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**Directions**: For each of the scenarios below, identify which public policy issue is being discussed and develop your own solution to the public policy issue.

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| **#** | **Scenario** | **Policy Issue** | **Proposed Solution** | **Benefits and Disadvantages?** |
| 1 | Unexcused absences from school are a huge problem in Baltimore City. What is something that the city government can do to fix this issue? | * Urban Renewal * Environmental * Education * Transportation * Health & Welfare |  | **Benefit** |
| **Disadvantage** |
| 2 | Nearly 40,000 people commute into Baltimore City from the northern suburbs of Towson, Perry Hall, and White Marsh. What is something that the city can do to reduce the number of vehicles on the road? | * Urban Renewal * Environmental * Education * Transportation * Health & Welfare |  | **Benefit** |
| **Disadvantage** |
| 3 | Americans with low incomes usually have to go to the emergency room when they get sick because they cannot afford a regular checkup. How can we provide better care for these families? | * Urban Renewal * Environmental * Education * Transportation * Health & Welfare |  | **Benefit** |
| **Disadvantage** |
| 4 | The standards for gaining a high school degree are different from state to state. This means that a student in Maryland doesn’t get the same education as a student in New York… or Alaska. How can we ensure an equal education for all students? | * Urban Renewal * Environmental * Education * Transportation * Health & Welfare |  | **Benefit** |
| **Disadvantage** |
| 5 | Across from AFSIVA, on Gilmor St., are four abandoned homes in a row. When these buildings are left vacant, they can lower the value of neighboring properties. How can the city of Baltimore combat this blight? | * Urban Renewal * Environmental * Education * Transportation * Health & Welfare |  | **Benefit** |
| **Disadvantage** |
| 6 | Americans get more than 25% of their energy from burning coal, which releases a great deal of pollution. What could be an alternative to this? | * Urban Renewal * Environmental * Education * Transportation * Health & Welfare |  | **Benefit** |
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| What are the advantages of choosing a health care plan that covers only the benefits needed? | What are the disadvantages of choosing a health care plan that covers only the benefits needed? | Which of the three health care solutions above would you support and why? |
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